

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 01971 061814Z

47

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 ISO-00 OMB-01 TRSE-00 CIAE-00 PM-03

H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-05 SAJ-01 (ISO) W

----- 056943

O R 071727Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECDEF IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3318

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY

CSAF WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 1971

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BE

SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

REFS: A) SECDEF MSG 051431Z MAR 75

B) BRUSSELS 1830

1. IN REF B, WE ASKED FOR AUTHORITY TO MAKE PUBLIC SECRETARY CLEMENTS' ANNOUNCEMENT TO CONSORTIUM DELEGATIONS THAT US AGREED TO CONTINUED PARTICIPATION BY CONSORTIUM MEMBERS UP TO 15 PERCENT IN F-16 SALES TO THIRD COUNTRIES BEYOND 100 PERCENT RECOUP POINT. ASIDE FROM THE OBVIOUS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ATTRACTION, THIS NEW US OFFER IS A KEY POLITICAL CONCEPT. IT SHOWS THE EUROPEANS THAT THE US RECOGNIZES AND IS MOVING TOWARDS A GENUINE PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPE. THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT POINT IN OUR FAVOR AS MOMENT OF DECISION APPROACHES HERE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 01971 061814Z

2. AMBASSADOR IS GIVING A RECEPTION EVENING OF MONDAY, MARCH 10
FOR DOD TEAM COMING TO BRUSSELS TO PRESENT FINAL US OFFER TO
CONSORTIUM. NUMBER OF KEY BELGIAN PERSONALITIES IN GOVERN-
MENT, INDUSTRY AND PRESS WILL BE PRESENT AS WELL AS CONSORTIUM
REPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND LOCAL GENERAL DYNAMICS AND PRATT
WITNEY REPS. IF IT DOES NOT BECOME GENERALLY KNOWN
BEFORE THEN, THE BROADENED U.S. OFFER IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE
MENTIONED AT THAT TIME. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND SELF-DEFEATING
TO STONEWALL IF APPROACHED ON SUBJECT, HENCE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION
TO CONFIRM IF ASKED.
FIRESTONE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, MEETINGS, CONSORTIUMS, MILITARY SALES, F-104, F-16
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BRUSSE01971
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750079-0283
From: BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750373/aaaacnxz.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 SECDEF MSG 051431Z, 75 MAR 75
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15 APR 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <16 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: F-104 REPLACEMENT
TAGS: MASS, BE, US
To: DOD
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006